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SUBJ: LUNCHEON FOR AMBASSADOR AND MRS. HUANG CHEN

1. ATMOSPHERE AT LUNCHEON GIVEN BY BRUCES FOR AMBASSADOR HUANG CHEN AND WIFE AT RESIDENCE SEPTEMBER 17 WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND RELAXED. ALSO PRESENT WERE DIRECTOR LIN PING, INTERPRETER SHEN JO-YUN, JENKINSES, HOLDRIDGES AND LILLEYS.

2. CONVERSATION WAS LIVELY BUT CONTAINED LITTLE OF SUBSTANTIVE INTEREST. HUANG, WHEN INFORMED USG HAD OPTED FOR PARIS ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBIT, SAID AMERICA WAS A BIG COUNTRY AND IT WOULD BE NATURAL FOR THE EXHIBIT TO BE SHOWN AT MORE THAN ONE LOCALE. HE SAW NO REASON WHY THIS COULD NOT BE ARRANGED. HOWEVER, HUANG OBVIOUSLY UNFAMILIAR WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, IN WHICH MFA HAS BEEN VERY TOUGH. WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT HIS WEIGHT, IF APPLIED, WOULD PREVAIL.

3. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. HUANG SEPARATELY BROUGHT UP PRC LOUSING DIFFICULTIES, LAMENTING THE LENGTH OF TIME IT TOOK TO RESOLVE SONING PROBLEMS. HUANG ASKED SOMEWHAT POINTEDLY WHETHER WE WERE COMFORTABLE HERE. HE SAID WHEN WE NEXT WENT TO WASHINGTON HE HOPED HE WOULD NOT
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HAVE TO ENTERTAIN US AT THE HOTEL.

4. HUANGS SAID THEY HAD LITTLE TIME IN CHINA BETWEEN
PARIS AND WASHINGTON ASSIGNMENTS AND WERE ENJOYING
HOME LEAVE. WOULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON "SOME TIME AFTER
OCTOBER 1 CELEBRATIONS".
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